

SENATE BILL 492

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By: **Senator Peters**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2011

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – County School Board Budgets – Transparency**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards to develop and operate a certain Web site
4 that includes certain information; specifying certain parameters of the Web site;
5 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the development and
6 operation of a searchable Web site by county boards.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 5–117

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 **5–117.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SEARCHABLE WEB SITE” MEANS A WEB SITE**
17 **CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION THAT DISPLAYS AND SEARCHES**
18 **BUDGET DATA OF COUNTY BOARDS.**

19 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2012, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL**
20 **DEVELOP AND OPERATE A SINGLE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE ACCESSIBLE TO THE**
21 **PUBLIC AT NO COST THROUGH THE INTERNET.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) THE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE SHALL CONTAIN ANNUAL SCHOOL**
2 **BUDGET DATA PREPARED BY THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER § 5-101 OF THIS**
3 **SUBTITLE.**

4 **(D) THE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE SHALL ALLOW THE USER TO SEARCH**
5 **DATA BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AND EACH YEAR**
6 **THEREAFTER.**

7 **(E) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE**
8 **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL UNDER FEDERAL,**
9 **STATE, OR LOCAL LAW.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2011.